

# Washington, D.C. 8th Grade Trip



**Tuesday, June 4, 2024 - Friday, June 7, 2024**

# **Washington, D.C. 8th Grade Trip**

**This is a school sponsored opportunity for students to expand their  
traditional school based learning  
- incorporating curriculum with real life history!**

**We are excited your student has decided to join us on this educational  
and memorable trip.**

**The Westport Middle School Administration and the  
Westport Middle-High School PTO**

# **Student Expectations for Trip Participation**

**In order for students be eligible to attend the trip:**

- **Students must meet Citizenship requirements as outlined in the Student Handbook**
  - Handbook starting on pg. 14
- **Administration reserves the right to revoke student privileges to attend the trip based on the severity of office referrals, and/or in or out of school suspensions for any reason.**

**If a student becomes ineligible to attend the trip because of these expectations, all payments are non-refundable after December 31st 2023**

# Trip Cost for Students

## Estimated price will be:

30 Paying People/Bus: \$865/Quad; 915/Triple; 1,010/DbI

35 Paying People/Bus: \$815/Quad; \$865/Triple; \$960/DbI

40 Paying People/Bus: \$775/Quad; \$825/Triple; \$920/DbI

45 Paying People/Bus: \$745/Quad; \$795/Triple; \$890/DbI

50 Paying People/Bus: \$725/Quad; \$775/Triple; \$870/DbI

*\*Final cost determined by number of students attending trip.\**

## **Trip Price Includes:**

- Bus Transportation
- 3 Hot Breakfasts
- Boat Cruise - Dinner/Dance
- District Tour Guides
- 3 Nights Hotel Accommodations
- 3 Dinners (Including Dinner/Dance)
- Hotel Security
- Escort

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# Hotels

## **First Night:**

Wyndham Philadelphia  
400 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19106



## **Second Two Nights:**

Fairfield Inn and Suites  
6254 Duke Street  
Alexandria West-Mark Center, VA



# SAMPLE Itinerary Overview

## Tuesday - June 4th

- **5:30 AM Arrive at WMHS - Bloom Bus Transport**
- **6:00 AM DEPART FOR PHILADELPHIA, PA**
- **Lunch - *On your own***
- **Self-Guided Tour of the US Mint**
- **Picture of the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall**
- **The Museum of The American Revolution**
  - **Self-guided gallery tour and Washington's tent presentation**
- **Dinner - *Included***
- **Hotel Check-In**
- **Revolutionary Tour—"Tales of the Macabre and Gruesome"**



**Itinerary subject to change.**

# Wednesday - June 5th

Itinerary subject  
to change.

- **Breakfast - 7:30 AM - *Included***
- **Memorials: Thomas Jefferson, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Martin Luther King Jr.**
- **Lunch @ L'enfant Plaza - *On your own***
- **Arlington National Cemetery: Changing of the Guard**
- **Possible stop at the Air Force Memorial**
- **Dinner Pentagon City Mall - *Included***
- **Twilight Tattoo**
  - **Fife and Drum Corp/National Color Guard and 3rd Infantry Regiment**
- **Iwo Jima/Marine Memorial**
- **Late Check-In at Hotel**





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to change.**

## Thursday - June 6th

- **Breakfast - 7:00 AM - *Included***
- **Mt. Vernon**
  - **Mansion and Grounds**
- **Lunch - *On your own***
- **Memorials: Vietnam, Korea, WWII, Lincoln**
- **Picture at White House**
- **Dinner/Boat Dance - *Included***



# Friday - June 7th

- Breakfast - *Included*
- Checkout & Depart for Washington, D.C.
- Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial
- National Mall
- Smithsonians: Air & Space, Natural, and American History
- If Time: Capitol Hill for a potential tour or Picture with your Congressional Member
- Lunch - *On your own*
- 5PM Depart for Westport, MA
- Dinner on I-95 - *On your own*
- 11PM Arrival @ Westport Middle School



**Itinerary subject to change.**

# Bus Transportation

- **Students will sit with their partner and in the vicinity of their group.**
- **Chaperones will be on the same bus.**
- **One seat the entire trip!**
  - There is no seat changing
  - Chaperones need to be able to quickly see who is there and who isn't



# Important Payment Due Dates



## Important Deadlines:

- November 15, 2023      Permission & **Non-Refundable Deposit**  
**Due - \$150.00**
- January 17th, 2024      Second Payment Due - \$200.00
- March 1st, 2024      Third Payment Due - \$250.00
- April 1st, 2024      Final Balance Due

*\*\*\*Final trip price will be determined after the November 15th deadline.\*\*\**

# Planning for Meals & Spending Money

- **Your student will have to pay for:**
  - Four Lunches - Average cost \$15.00 - \$18.00/lunch
  - One Dinner - Average cost \$18.00 - \$20.00/dinner
- **Plan for \$170 - \$225 per student**
- **Discuss a budget for Food and Souvenirs with your student.**
- **Discuss spending limits to make money last the entire trip.**



# Chaperones

**Opportunity/Availability to chaperone will depend on total number of students. Chaperones Are Chosen In this order by Administration!!!!**

1. Teacher and Administration Approval
  2. Staff Participation
  3. Medical Needs
  4. Male/Female Ratio (students/chaperone)
  5. PTO Involvement
- Chaperones must stay with group at all times, have contact via cell with students and parents.
  - Chaperones are responsible for being CORI'd and fingerprinted.
  - Chaperones are responsible for a group of students from the time the bus departs Westport until its return to Westport including safety, communication, behavior, etc...
  - Chaperones **MUST** be able to walk 8-10 miles a day in very hot weather.

# Fundraising

The PTO offers several fundraising opportunities to students in an effort to help make this trip attainable for every student who wishes to attend - our goal is that all interested students have this opportunity!

- In previous years some students have almost completely paid for their trip with the fundraisers we have offered!!!
- This year we will offer two fundraisers, with one being mandatory for all students attending the trip
- Each fundraiser will clearly detail what % of earnings go directly towards your students trip
- Each fundraiser will allow students to defray the cost of their trip.

# Cookies & More Fall Fundraiser

Cookies & More Fall Fundraiser - October 23 - November 6, 2023

**PRODUCT CATALOGS WERE SENT HOME LAST WEEK  
IN STUDENT BACKPACKS AND VIA EMAIL**

- **35-40% of individual student sales will be applied to individual trip balances reducing final payment.**
- **BUY OR SELL Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough and More Perfect for the Holidays!!**
  - Share the catalog with friends/ family in person and virtually.
  - Place & pay for all orders online quickly and easily!
  - The PTO will announce the product pick-up date - Mid-December.
  - You deliver product to your supporters and they enjoy delicious treats!



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# Mandatory Fundraiser

**8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip Fundraiser Raffle**

*Tickets on Sale January 2024 - Drawing February 2024*

**Tickets \$20.00 Each**

**Grand Prize \$500.00**

**2nd Prize \$250.00**

**3rd Prize \$100.00**

**All Students participating in the Washington D.C. Trip are required to sell a minimum of 5 Tickets**

**For each ticket sold the student seller will receive a \$10.00 trip credit - this credit will be applied to the student seller's balance, decreasing the total trip cost for that student.**

**With this fundraiser YOU will have the ability to pay for your entire trip if you choose-  
The more tickets you sell the less your trip costs you out of pocket!**

# Why a Mandatory Fundraiser?

Each year the PTO sponsors the DC Trip for our 8th Grade Students

The trip costs paid by families does not cover the entire cost of facilitating this trip. There are additional costs above and beyond what families pay.

In an effort to keep these costs as affordable as possible, and not raise the per student cost we ask that all families participate in one mandatory fundraiser.

PTO Fundraisers help us defray the costs associated directly with this trip, some include:

- Trip Coordinator
- Wildcat Hats for all students and chaperones
- Financial Aid
- Bus Boxes with essential & extra supplies needed for each bus on the trip
- Trip overages (*ie. gas/fuel surcharges, unforeseen expenses*)

# IMPORTANT FUNDRAISING NOTES

- All funds raised by students via Fundraisers **CANNOT** and **WILL NOT** be refunded to students.
- Fundraising monies raised by you if you “do not or cannot go” on the trip are non-refundable they remain with the PTO!

**\*\*Remember that the PTO offers fundraising opportunities for students participating in this trip. Each fundraiser will clearly explain what % of profits go directly into each student’s individual account in an effort to help off-set out of pocket costs to students and families for this trip.**

**The more fundraising you participate in, the less you pay for the trip.\*\***

# QUESTIONS



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**We hope your student will attend!  
Thank you for attending!**